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Gentlemen,

I submit my report for the year 1943. The statistics are based on an estimated population of 2591 persons. The area of your district is 74,538 acres or 116 square miles. This gives a density of 22.3 persons per square mile. The number of inhabitated houses on the rate-book is 815. A penny rate yields £31.15s.11d. The Rateable Value is £8,404. The chief industries are agriculture, and the quarrying of Boulder Flint.

Vital Statistics:-

	Total	M.	F.	Rate per 1,000 pop.	Rate per 1,000 Live births.
Deaths	49	15	34	15	
Births:-	31	14	17	12	
Legitimate	31	14	17	12	
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
Still Births	-	-	-		
Deaths under one year of age	3	1	2		97

Deaths from puerperal Causes	Nil.
Deaths from puerperal Sepsis	Nil.
Deaths of Infants under one year	3
Deaths from Whooping Cough	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea under two years	Nil.
Deaths from Violence	9
Deaths from Cancer	7

There are no Hospitals in your area. There are no Clinics except the Clinics at the schools for the immunisation of Children between the ages of one and fifteen years against Diphtheria. A high percentage of the Children have been immunised. There are two Nursing Associations working your area each employing one nurse. They do general nursing, and also the Midwifery under

the 1936 Act.

Officials.

Medical Officer of Health - W. C. Speirs, M.B.,

Sanitary Inspector - F. W. Stoney. Cert. Sanitary Inst.

Laboratory Facilities.

Throat swabs etc., are sent either to the Pathological Department at the County Hall at Northallerton or to Scarborough. Foeces etc., are sent to the former. Infectious cases during the year were sent to the Isolation Hospital at Richmond, Yorkshire. Ambulances - The District is well served by the Red Cross Ambulance at Richmond, and by the Fever Ambulance at the same place. Subscribers to the Darlington Memorial Hospital are entitled to the use of the Ambulance Service of the Hospital.

Infectious Diseases.

With the exception of a bad epidemic of measles (135 cases) there was little infectious disease in 1943. The measles were brought into your area by a man who went to Darlington on business just before Christmas in 1942. Three cases occurred in his own household in December. The epidemic lasted until into May.

Diseases Notified Other Than Tuberculosis.

Disease	Total	Removed to Hospital	Died
Typhoid	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-
Whooping Cough	4	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	8	-	-
Small Pox	-	-	-
Measles	136	-	1
Pneumonia	4	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Cerebro - Spinal Fever	1	1	-
	154	1	2

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Of the deaths during 1943, 23 were over 70 years of age, and eight were more than 80 years old.

Deaths from Cancer

At 53 years of age	1
At 61 years of age	1
At 63 years of age	1
At 69 years of age	1
At 71 years of age	1
At 72 years of age	1
At 79 years of age	1
Total	7

Tuberculosis

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiration		Non Resp.		Respiration		Non Resp.	
Age	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

I remain,

Gentlemen,

Respectfully Yours,

W. C. Speirs, M.O.H.